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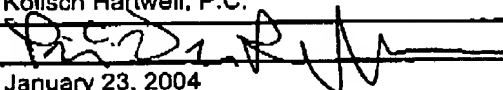
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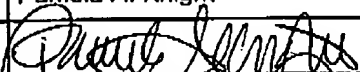
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated December 29, 2003, applicants elect without traverse claims 69-79 and 85-86 in Group I for prosecution in the above-identified patent application.

REMARKS

In the Office action mailed on December 29, 2003, the claims were restricted to two inventions with claims 69-79 and 85-86 being drawn to a system for conducting an experiment on biological cells and with claims 80-84 being drawn to an array system. In order to advance prosecution of this application, applicants have elected to proceed with claims 69-79 and 85-86 in Group I.

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